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TAGS: UR US IS PINT SREF PFOR

SUBJ: SOVIET JEWRY : PROTEST AT EMBASSY

1. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS APPROACHED OUTSIDE EMBASSY AT 1200 HOURS JUNE 18 BY MIDDLE- AGED MAN WHO IDENTIFIED SELF AS " A SOVIET JEW NAMED RUBINCHIK" (PHONETIC). AFTER ESTABLISHING THAT FORMER WAS FROM EMBASSY, INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION MADE STATEMENT TO EFFECT: " WE JUST WANT YOU TO INFORM YOUR AMBASSADOR THAT WE ARE HERE TO PROTEST FACT THAT SOVIET JEWS HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO COME TO YOUR EMBASSY." WHEN EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER INDIVIDUAL ALONE, HE REPLIED: " I AM ALONE RIGHT NOW, BUT I REPRESENT MANY OTHERS, AND WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COME TO YOUR EMBASSY".

2. UNIFORMED MILITIAMAN POSTED OUTSIDE EMBASSY PROMPTLY INTERVENED TO ASK " WHAT WAS HAPPENING." ALTHOUGH MILITIAMAN BACKED OFF WHEN EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL NOT PERMITTED SPEAK TO SOVIET CITIZENS, RUBINCHIK WAS FOLLOWED AS HE WALKED AWAY BY ONE OF SEVEN INDIVIDUALS IN PLAINCLOTHES WHO HAVE MAINTAINED 24- HOUR WATCH ON EMBASSY FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS.

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SUSPECTED THAT OSTENTATIOUS
PLAINCLOTHES PRESENCE OUTSIDE EMBASSY IN LAST FEW DAYS
MIGHT BE RELATED TO POSSIBLE SUMMIT- RELATED PROTEST
ACTIVITY ON PART JEWISH ACTIVISTS, THIS IS FIRST INCI-
DENT IN FRONT OF EMBASSY TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION. U. S.
PRESS SOURCES STATED THAT THERE WERE OTHER MINOR DEMON-
STRATIONS IN MOSCOW JUNE 17. PLAINCLOTHES PRESENCE, IN
FACT, CONSISTENT WITH VARIOUS OTHER RECENT SIGNS OF
NERVOUSNESS ON PART SOVIET AUTHORITIES TOWARD CONTACTS
BETWEEN FOREIGNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS.
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